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California Citrus Growers Approve Continuation of The California Citrus Research Program

To All Interested Parties:

In a referendum recently conducted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), California citrus growers voted in favor of continuing the operations of the California Citrus Research Program for another five years. The Citrus Research Program is a grower-funded State research marketing order operating under the authority of the California Marketing Act. The voting results are presented below.

Percentage of All Eligible Growers that Actually Participated by Casting Ballots:	40.15%
Percentage of Those Growers Voting Who Favored Continuation of the California Citrus Research Program:	93.6%
Percentage of the Voted Volume Represented by Those Growers Favoring Continuation of the California Citrus Research Program:	96.68%

The California Citrus Research Program specifies that the Program may continue to operate if the Department finds that at least 40% of the growers on the Department's list of growers participate in the referendum and that of those voting, 51% of the growers accounting for at least 65% of the voted volume favor continuation, or at least 65% of the growers voting accounting for at least 51% of the voted volume favor continuation. Since the above voting results meet the Program's continuation requirements, CDFA has authorized the Citrus Research Board to continue operating for another five years (through October 31, 2012).

Please contact Jeanne Wexler or me at this office if you have any questions about this referendum. If you have questions concerning the operations of the California Citrus Research Board, please call Ted Batkin, President of the Board, at (559) 738-0246.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief **Marketing Branch**

